

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of lottery wagering on a phased competition, comprising:  
assembling pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  for preliminary participants after  
conclusion of a pre-qualifying event of a phased competition;  
assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for final participants after conclusion of a  
final event of a phased competition;  
determining at least one winner of the final event based on the concluding  
data  $D_C$ ;  
correlating the concluding data  $D_C$  of a winner to the pre-qualifying data  
 $D_{PQ}$  of the winner; and  
determining winning lottery data  $D_L$  based on the correlating step.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of assembling pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  for  
preliminary participants comprises assembling preliminary ranking data of preliminary  
participants of a pre-qualifying event.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of assembling comprises at least one  
function selected from the group consisting of collecting, collating, correlating, and  
mathematically manipulating.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for  
final participants comprises assembling concluding ranking data of final participants of a  
final event.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of assembling comprises at least one  
function selected from the group consisting of collecting, collating, correlating, and  
mathematically manipulating.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  prior to conclusion of a pre-qualifying event.

5 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  comprises selecting  $n$  quantity of data from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$ .

10 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the step of determining at least one winner of the final event comprises determining  $n$  winners of the final event.

15 9. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  comprises selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  by communicating with a lottery distributor over a communication link.

20 10. The method of claim 9 wherein the step of communicating with a lottery distributor over a communication link comprises communicating via a communication link selected from the group consisting of tickets, landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.

11. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of concluding data  $D_C$ .

25 12. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  comprises randomly selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$ .

30 13. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of comparing wagering data  $D_W$  to winning lottery data  $D_L$ .

14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of awarding a prize.

15. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of entering wagering data  $D_W$   
5 into a second lottery phase based upon the outcome of the comparing step.

16. The method of claim 15 further comprising the step of randomly selecting  
wagering data  $D_W$  of the second lottery phase.

10 17. The method of claim 16 further comprising awarding a prize.

18. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of shuffling pre-qualifying data  
 $D_{PQ}$ .

15 19. The method of claim 6 further comprising the step of trading wagering data  $D_W$   
prior to conclusion of the final event.

20 20. A method of lottery wagering on a phased vehicle race competition having a pre-  
qualifying event phase, race starting position data, and a final race phase, the method  
comprising:

selecting  $n$  numbers from a set of race starting position numbers prior to  
conclusion of the pre-qualifying event as wagering numbers;

determining the starting position numbers for each final race participant;

determining  $n$  race winners after the final race phase; and

25 assigning the  $n$  race winners' starting position numbers as lottery winning  
numbers.

21. A method of lottery wagering on a phased competition, comprising:

selecting a subset of wagering data  $D_W$  from a set of pre-qualifying data  
30  $D_{PQ}$  prior to conclusion of a pre-qualifying event by communicating with a lottery

distributor over a communication link selected from the group consisting of tickets, landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web; and

assembling pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  for preliminary participants after conclusion of a pre-qualifying event of a phased competition;

assembling concluding data  $D_C$  for final participants after conclusion of a final event of a phased competition;

determining at least one winner of the final event based on the concluding data  $D_C$ ;

correlating the concluding data  $D_C$  of a winner to the pre-qualifying data  $D_{PQ}$  of the winner;

determining winning lottery data  $D_L$  based on the correlating step;

communicating lottery data between a distributor and a central hub over a communication link selected from the group consisting of landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.

22. A system for lottery wagering on a phased competition comprising:

a distributor for operating a lottery and distributing lottery prizes, said distributor comprising

a storage medium for storage of lottery related data;

means for correlating phased competition concluding data to phased competition pre-qualifying data; and

a communication link in communication with said distributor for communication between said distributor and a lottery player.

23. The system of claim 22 wherein said distributor further comprises means for random generation of wagering data.

24. The system of claim 22 wherein said communication link comprises a communication link selected from the group consisting of tickets, landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.

5 25. A system for lottery wagering on a phased competition comprising:  
a distributor for operating a lottery and distributing lottery prizes, said distributor comprising  
a storage medium for storage of lottery related data;  
means for correlating phased competition concluding data to  
10 phased competition pre-qualifying data; and  
a communication link for communication between said distributor and a lottery player;  
a hub for sharing information amongst distributors;  
a communication link for communication between said hub and said  
15 distributor.

26. The system of claim 25 wherein said hub comprises:  
a programmable computer; and  
memory.

20 27. The system of claim 25 wherein said communication link for communication between said hub and said distributor comprises a communication link selected from the group consisting of landline telephone, radio frequency, computer network, Internet, and World Wide Web.